



The children have had a real interest in looking and learning about their bodies. Look at this great Skeleton we made out of playdough.



Sunny Days
Children's Nursery

Lyneham Newsletter

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Dear Parents /carers

These last few weeks are going to fly by as we are busy with lots of events to cover; St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, World Book Day, Easter and Open Key Person sessions.

Bonnet Parade

Lyneham Primary school have invited the pre-school children to join them for an Easter Bonnet Parade on Tues 5th April, as part of their preparation for school in September. We will be making bonnets at pre-school and practising Easter songs to sing. Pre-school parents are invited along to join in the event, and we would like parent volunteers to help us walk across. Please let Claire know if you would like to help. If your child does not attend that session and would like to join in with the event, then you can meet us at the lower school hall at 9.10am, where your child will be able to join the other pre-school children in their seating area. We will also be holding a small parade in the garden that day so Busy Bug children can show off their creations too.

Wow sheets

This month we are celebrating things we are good at and would like every parent to take and return a Wow sheet noting something their child is

good at, or recently mastered. We are hoping to share these with the group at welcome time.

High Five Reading Challenge

After Easter we will be introducing our High Five reading challenge and encouraging parents and children to borrow 5 story sacks over the term and collect stamps on their high five reading challenge sheet. All completed sheets will be entered into a prize draw to win a prize. Research has found that reading story books to children is one of the most important activities for developing the knowledge required for success in literacy. It has significant positive effects on children's reading and cognitive skills

World Book Day – 2nd March

To celebrate World Book Day, we invited the children to bring in their favourite books to share, and come to school dressed as their favourite story characters. Well done to everybody that came, we had some amazing costumes and enjoyed reading stories together .

Stories of the Month

This term we will be focusing on friendship and talking about how nice it is to help each other. We will be reading the traditional stories 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Enormous Turnip'



Rhyme of the Month

Hop Little Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping until
it's nearly noon

Shall I gently wake them with a merry
tune?

Oh how still, are they ill? wake up
soon

Hop little bunnies, hop ,hop,hop

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop , hop

Hop little bunnies, hop and stop

The children like to change the words to fit with other animals, for example sleeping Crocodiles that Snap, Snap

Parent Partnership -

Craft Session 27th -31st March

We are inviting parents and carers to sign up and come along for a 20-30 min craft session to create an Easter Bonnet or decoration. The pre-school will provide all the materials, during the session parents will also be able to view their child's learning journal and catch up with their child's key person.

Parent/Carer

Meetings – 31st March

If you are unable to attend the craft sessions or would prefer to just catch up with your child's key person then please sign up for an appointment on the Friday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm .

Easter Holidays

Our last day of term will be Friday 7th April. We have two weeks off and return Monday 24th April.



Friday 24th March

We will be holding a Danceathon and asking children to join the staff over the session to keep on dancing and joining in with action songs. The children are invited to come to school wearing red or their best Disco Dancing clothes. A collection pot will be on display in the hallway for any kind donations.

Easter Egg Hunt – 7th April .

We will be finishing this term off with an Easter Egg hunt, and hope that the Easter Bunny may visit. We would love parents to come along and join the fun. More details to follow.

Letter and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

This term is Aspect 4, Rhythm and Rhyme, and aims to develop children's awareness of rhythm and rhyme in speech.

Finish the Rhyme game – try reading rhymes together and stop as you come to the final word in the rhyme and invite your child to try and complete it. Use plenty of intonation and expression as the story or rhyme is recounted together.

Dates for your diary

Concept Photography

Friday 12 May. They will be taking individual and family shots in the morning. We also invite all pre-school children to join us at 11am if you would like them to be included in the animal keygroup photos with their friends and key person before they leave us for school. Last year's group pictures were lovely and made a wonderful keepsakes; the photographs are beautiful and parents last year were really pleased. The pre-school also raised over £200 in commission, which enabled new equipment and toys to be purchased



Easy Biscuits

Ingredients: 250g Plain flour, 75g caster sugar, 1 egg, 125g Butter

Plain Biscuit add: 1 teaspoon baking powder

Chocolate Biscuit add :25g cocoa powder

Method

Use a wooden spoon to mix the flour, butter, vanilla essence, sugar and baking powder until it looks like breadcrumbs.

Add the egg and mix with wooden spoon until it forms a dough.

Sprinkle flour onto work surface and roll out the dough with rolling pin. Do not press too hard.

Dip cutters in flour before cutting out a selection of shapes.

Place biscuits on greased baking tray. Bake for 15 minutes at 180 c, mark 4 .

Allow to cool and decorate with icing or sprinkles.



We love baking at pre-school.

